

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicants:** David M. Center, et al.**Examiner:** Unassigned**Serial No.:** Unassigned**Art Unit:** Unassigned**Filing Date:** Herewith**Docket:** 12861A**For:** IL-16 ANTAGONISTS**Date:** August 15, 2001Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

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09/368,632 filed August 5, 1999.--

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any one of Claims 29-35.

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comprising Xaa₁-L-L-Xaa₂ wherein Xaa₁ and Xaa₂ is any amino acid (SEQ ID NO:1).

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in this application prior to examination. Early and favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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